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WHITE HOUSE: FROM THE SECRETARY FOR THE PRESIDENT
DEPARTMENT: FOR WARREN CHRISTOPHER AND PETER TARNOFF ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS), EG, US
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT

1. MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT THIS EVENING WAS PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO BILATERAL ISSUES AND A REVIEW OF GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH FOCUS ON AFRICA. SADAT WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT YOU HAD SIGNED THE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION ON ARMS FOR EGYPT AND THAT A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE COULD BE EXPECTED WHEN THE LETTERS OF OFFER ARE SENT FORWARD TO CONGRESS IN SEPTEMBER. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT EVENTUALLY MORE CAN BE PROVIDED, ALTHOUGH HE RECOGNIZES THE SENSITIVITIES AT PRESENT. I ALSO DESCRIBED THE STATUS OF OUR CONSULTATONS ON THE MIG PROJECT AND SAID THAT WE WILL HOLD OFF GOING FORWARD WITH THE CONGRESS UNTIL AFTER THE NON-LETHAL ARMS PACKAGE BECOMES EFFECTIVE.

2. CONCERNING ETHIOPIA, SADAT STRONGLY URGED THAT WE NOT SUPPLY ARMS, ALTHOUGH HE SEES MERIT IN OUR MAINTAINING OPEN CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION. WE SAID WE DID NOT
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INTEND TO SUPPLY THEM WITH ARMS. HE AGAIN REPEATED HIS CONCERN WITH SOVIET ACTIVITY IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND ITS POSSIBLE INFLUENCE ON SUDAN. HE WAS APPRECIATIVE OF OUR POLICY OF PROVIDING SOME ARMS TO SUDAN, AND OF OUR INTEREST IN BEING HELPFUL IN SOMALIA AND CHAD.

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3. LIBYA CONTINUES TO WORRY SADAT, AND HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT THE SIXTH FLEET OBSERVE SOVIET ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. HE DID ASK THAT WE KEEP AN EYE ON THE SOVIETS. HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR ANY INTELLIGENCE WE MIGHT HAVE ON THE PRESENCE OF A LONG-RANGE (700 KM) SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE IN LIBYA, AND I SAID THAT WE WOULD CHECK OUR SOURCES. HE SAID THAT HE COULD NOT PERMIT THESE MISSILES TO BE "BROUGHT FORWARD" FROM TRIPOLI, WHERE HE THINKS THEY ARE NOW LOCATED. HE WENT ON AT LENGTH ABOUT QUADHAFI AND THE DANGER OF LIBYA BECOMING A MAJOR SOVIET BASE FOR SUBERSION IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. IN CONCLUDING, HE ASKED FOR A REGULAR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON LIBYA BETWEEN OUR INTELLIGENCE SOURCES.

4. SUBSEQUENT JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY. VANCE

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